

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 28, 1962

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, March 28, 1962. Councilmen Brown, Katzakian, Mitchell, Ullmann and Culbertson (Mayor) present. None absent.

Also present: City Manager Graves and City Attorney Mullen.

CITIZENS
COMMITTEE
CAPITAL IMPROVE-
MENT PROGRAM

This meeting having been called to consider the report and recommendations of the Citizens Committee for Lodi, Mayor Culbertson requested the Committee to present its report. Mr. Joe Newfield, Jr., Vice-Chairman of the Committee, gave a resume of the Committee's background stating that it consisted of a group of volunteers working independently of the City Council. They had divided into committees each of which was given one of the following categories: Finance, Public Health, Public Facilities, Protection of Life and Property, Public Relations, Recreation and Culture, and Transportation. These committees were then integrated by a Steering Committee. The group had received the cooperation of the City staff which was most helpful in giving information requested by the various committees. Mr. Con Deasy, Secretary of the Committee, introduced the chairmen of the committees who presented the recommendations.

PROTECTION OF
LIFE AND
PROPERTY

Mr. Max Elson, Chairman of the Protection of Life and Property Committee, stated that his committee recommended that the City proceed as rapidly as possible toward the construction of a building to house the Police Department, including detention cells, Court facilities and the Fire Department, adequate to house at least four pieces of equipment, and the necessary offices and dormitories. It also proposed the purchase of three pieces of fire equipment, in 1963, 1964 and 1968.

PUBLIC
FACILITIES

The next report was given by Mrs. Esther Lund, Chairman of the Public Facilities Committee. This committee approved the tentative plan of the Civic Center and recommended purchase of the property included in the Civic Center plan; it also recommended that the building of a new library or an addition to it be set aside until 1968 (unless unforeseen circumstances demand an earlier re-evaluation); and recommended that immediate steps be taken to develop a corporation yard at the Sewage Disposal Plant site.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert Cox, approved the proposed Capital Outlay Program on streets and roads, subject to the following provisions:

1. Recommended that the City widen Lodi Avenue to sixty feet from Cherokee Lane east to the Traction Line.
2. Favored future development of Ham Lane to West Lane with future joining of West Lane Freeway with temporary connecting linkage to Hutchins Street.

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3. Recommended left turn lanes at Lodi Avenue and Hutchins Street, also at Church Street and Lodi Avenue.
4. Recommended that an underpass at Highway 12 (Kettleman Lane) and Southern Pacific Railroad Tracks be given high priority.
5. Recommended that Lodi Avenue be widened to sixty-four feet west of Ham Lane and be given higher priority.
6. Approved City plan of street procurement and future acquisition policies.
7. Recommended "through streets"; two north-south and two east-west be adopted.
8. Recommended that any future bridging of Mokelumne River be made at Ham Lane

RECREATION
AND CULTURE

The Recreational and Cultural Committee, Mr. Walter Katnich, Chairman, recommended the following:

1. Automatic sprinklers for four present facilities.
2. Development of American Legion Park.
3. Purchase of two parcels of land, one being five acres on Mills Avenue and the other being five acres east of the proposed freeway.
4. Development of the Disposal Plant site for a park.
5. Completion of Blakely Park.
6. Lodi Lake expansion and development.
7. Improvements to Lodi Grape Bowl. (Stadium)
8. Acquisition of a City Nursery.

PUBLIC
HEALTH

The Public Health Committee, Chairman Robert Hunnell, had been divided into three subcommittees; sanitation, water and storm drainage.

SANITARY
SEWERS

The Sanitary Sewer subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Thomas Carleton, agreed with the conclusions of the Yoder Report and recommended that Plan 1A be adopted. They urged the City to increase the capacity of the present system by the addition of blowers for increased oxygenation of sewage and to provide supplemental heat to sludge digestion tank to increase its efficiency. In addition, this subcommittee urged pre-construction study of the subsurface soil conditions.

WATER

Mr. Walter Norby, Chairman of the Water subcommittee, reported that:

1. His group had found the Wilsey, Ham and Blair master water plan to be thorough program for long range planning, but felt that time of each installation is a relative matter to be considered in relation to other needs of the City.

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2. The proposed five-year program contains items which can reasonably be deferred without creating undue hardship or restricting services during this period.
3. Provision should be made for the City's share in the cost of installing water mains as land develops.
4. Construction of three wells during the five-year period should be sufficient to meet the City's needs for such period.
5. Sufficient funds should be provided to meet the conditions of growth and provide services to the public and a sum of \$613,500 should be provided for the water system to meet the needs for the next five-year period.
6. The City Council should seek competent technical advice in the determination of the condition of the City's water source since proper planning for future needs should include provisions for a long range water supply.

STORM
DRAINAGE

Mr. George Swindaman, Chairman for the Storm Drainage subcommittee, gave a report of his group's activities and stated that they wished to recommend that the City proceed on the basis of the recommendations of Wilsey, Ham and Blair and the City's engineering staff for the construction of a gravity outfall system to White Slough.

FINANCE

Mr. Robert Rinn, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the conclusions reached by his committee after studying the recommendations of the other committees. The Committee recommended that:

1. The ten-year capital improvement program be divided into two five-year segments as recommended by Stone and Youngberg.
2. That a bond issue be placed before the voters which will provide the monies to meet the City's capital needs as follows:

a. Civic Center Buildings	\$ 791,000
Land and equipment	
b. Storm Drains	1,436,000
c. Streets	537,000
d. Water System	614,000
e. Sanitary Sewer System	787,000
f. Parks and Recreation	321,000
g. Corporation Yard	183,000
h. Fire Station and Alarm System	135,000
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	\$4,804,000

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3. That the program be based on an assumption that current revenue for the purpose of paying the bond service charges will be limited to \$200,000 per year for each of the five years.
4. That the City Council commit itself to levy a property tax at the rate of \$.10 per \$100 assessed valuation to defray the costs of the bond servicing.

PUBLIC
RELATIONS

Mr. Deasy stated that the Public Relations committee had done a good job and would continue to do so under the guidance of a new chairman, Mr. Vince Denson.

Mayor Culbertson thanked the members of the Citizens' Committee for the hard work they had done and said that members of the City Council would study the recommendations thoroughly before deciding on a bond issue.

DRAINAGE DITCH
OPPOSITION

Mr. Roy Weaver, 1149 Eldorado Street, Stockton, attorney for a group of people who are opposed to the "open ditch" method of drainage for storm waters, presented a petition signed by 238 residents of the City of Lodi and 93 residents of the outlying district. The petition requested an opportunity to be heard by the Council and asked the Council to reconsider its plans for using an open ditch for storm drainage by further study of the problem with a view to adopting a covered pipeline system of drainage. Mr. Weaver did not have any information regarding alternate proposals, however, he said that the petitioners would be ready with such information by April 4. It was pointed out that the storm drain master plan had been studied by the City for a long period and that people had been invited to express their views before this time. Mr. Weaver was told that the petitioners would be welcome to state their views during the public hearing at the next Council meeting on April 4.

A. DEHR
OBJECTIONS

Mr. Albert Dehr, 32 South Ham Lane, stated that he did not consider bonds a good way to finance capital improvements, but that the City should have been using the capital outlay reserves on a pay-as-you-go basis and that with such reserves a fire house could have been built two or three years ago. He also felt that the Citizens Committee was not a cross-section of the people and that the recommendations of the Committee had been made by a very few people. He also remarked that the proposed storm drainage system was for the benefit of subdividers and that the City should not be subsidizing the developers. He was of the opinion that storm waters could be taken care of by pumping into the Mokelumne River in a few years when there will be no high flood stage and that the Woodbridge Irrigation District would be willing to permit pumping into the canal. Mr. Robert M. Baker, Coordinator of the Citizens Committee, replied to Mr. Dehr, stating that the members of the Citizens Committee had spent a great deal of time in studying and making their recommendations on capital improvements for the City and that they had to deal with facts, not with abstractions. He said the City should be concerned with the future, not the past.

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Mayor Culbertson reiterated his appreciation of the work done by the Citizens Committee and other members of the Council concurred. Councilman Mitchell expressed surprise that the Citizens Committee had not recommended including the Library in the program as he felt the people should have an opportunity to vote on this issue. After further discussion of the capital improvement program, the Council adjourned.



ATTEST: BEATRICE GARIBALDI
City Clerk